

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Bonds Looking Somewhat Optimistic Ahead of CPI

Market Summary: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 8:44AM

Bonds improved modestly on Tuesday which is actually a somewhat resilient/optimistic showing. The ongoing correlation with oil prices suggested less improvement (oil actually closed higher on the day). In addition, it's usually less of a surprise to see bonds struggle to rally on the first half of an auction cycle week. Granted, a spicy CPI on Wednesday would easily push back against any optimistic narratives, but if the data is tame, perhaps we're seeing hints that bonds would be more willing to respond than normal.

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UMBS 5.5	99.30	+0.11	10YR	4.668%	-0.024%	8/12/2026 6:39 AM EST
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Stronger Start on Yet Another Peace Deal Teaser

Bonds are rallying, and we have no objection to that. Reasons are simple and familiar enough that there's no sense in over-analyzing them. Newswires hit at 7am saying that Pakistan's defense minister said "things are shaping up in favor of peace" and that Pakistan's interior minister Khawaja Asif arrived in Tehran to discuss "matters of mutual interest."

Oil prices and bond yields are well versed in cautious reactions to such headlines. They're not ever going to cause a massive reaction, but just like the last 40-50 examples, they're enough for a noticeable but modest shift in trading levels.

- ALERT: Negative Reprice Risk Increasing Just a Bit More
- ALERT: MBS Down an Eighth Since 9:30am

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.79%	-0.01%	15YR Fixed	6.28%	-0.01%	8/11/2026
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Mortgage Rates Sideways to Slightly Higher

It ended up being a remarkably uneventful day for . Some lenders were slightly higher than yesterday. Others were roughly unchanged. The difference came down to whether the lender in question raised rates yesterday afternoon.

What does this mean? Lenders prefer to set rates once per day around 10am ET. But if the underlying bond market makes a big enough move, lenders can change rates during the day. Bonds lost just enough ground yesterday for some lenders to raise rates. Contrast that to today where virtually every lender maintained the same levels throughout.

Tomorrow morning brings the latest release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This is one of the most important pieces of monthly economic data as far as rates are concerned. There's no way to know how it will impact rates ahead of time--only that a large deviation from expectations is likely to result in a larger-than-average move higher or lower.

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Wednesday, Aug 12				
12:00AM	Roll Date - UMBS 30YR			
7:00AM	Aug/07 MBA Refi Index	744.4		709.1
7:00AM	Aug/07 Mortgage Market Index	248.6		240.0
7:00AM	Aug/07 MBA Purchase Index	157.9		154.0
8:30AM	Jul m/m CORE CPI (%) ★★	0.2%	0.2%	0%
8:30AM	Jul y/y Headline CPI (%) ☆	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%
8:30AM	Jul y/y CORE CPI (%) ★★	2.5%	2.5%	2.6%
8:30AM	Jul m/m Headline CPI (%) ★	0.1%	0.1%	-0.4%
10:30AM	Aug/07 Crude Oil Inventory (ml)		-1.4M	2.479M
12:00PM	WASDE Report (%)			
1:00PM	10-yr Note Auction (bl) ★		42	
2:00PM	Jul Federal budget (bl)		\$-346B	\$-120B
Thursday, Aug 13				
8:15AM	Fed Hammack Speech ☆			
8:30AM	Jul Core PPI y/y (%) ☆		4.2%	4.7%
8:30AM	Aug/08 Jobless Claims (k) ☆		202K	199K
8:30AM	Aug/01 Continued Claims (k) ☆		1800K	1801K
8:30AM	Jul PPI m/m (%) ☆		0.2%	-0.3%
8:30AM	Jul Core PPI m/m (%) ☆		0.3%	0.2%
8:30AM	Jul PPI y/y ☆		4.9%	5.5%
8:40AM	Fed Barkin Speech ☆			
1:00PM	30-Year Bond Auction ☆			5.058%
1:00PM	30-Yr Bond Auction (bl) ☆		25	